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Following a discussion at the recent Premiers' Conference, the Federal Government announced that the State Governments would have control of the sea bed from the low-water mark to three nautical miles out.

In addition, a joint Federal-State authority to control the remaining 197 nautical miles when the 200-mile zone is proclaimed. The legislation for the 200-mile zone is before the Senate and is expected to be passed into law early in the next session of Parliament, beginning in August (see ref b).

Embassy Comment: Although agreement to give the States control of the 3 mile zone has been reached, legislation to give effect to this agreement is not expected to be drawn up for two years. This agreement was one of the few victories for the States at the recent Conference.

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